



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending June 18, 2006, most of the state received one to two inches of precipitation last week except for the Panhandle and southeast which received near a half inch, according to USDA National Agricultural Statistic Service, Nebraska Field Office. This improved topsoil moisture supplies but not before hot, dry conditions early in the week stressed dryland crops. Most crop conditions remained steady or declined slightly from last week, but all conditions remained well below last year.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from one degree below normal in the northeast to seven degrees above normal in the Panhandle. The Southwest District had the highest temperature recorded at 108. The South Central District received the most rainfall with a number of reports of over three inches.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending June 18, 2006

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	21	39	0	9
Short	25	32	7	21
Adequate	52	29	86	66
Surplus	2	0	7	4
Subsoil				
Very Short	23	34	5	16
Short	43	37	15	27
Adequate	34	29	79	57
Surplus	0	0	1	0
Days Suitable	5.7	6.3	5.3	4.9

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions rated 26 percent very poor, 28 poor, 29 fair, 16 good, and 1 excellent. This continues well below last year. Ninety percent of the wheat was turning color ten days ahead of 52 last year and 51 average. Seventeen percent of the wheat was ripe compared to 1 percent last year and 4 average. Harvest is expected to begin in the southern third of the state within the next three to five days.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 57 good, and 10 excellent. This is below last year conditions.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 56 good, and 9 excellent, which is below last year. Some soybean fields were being replanted due to poor stands.

Alfalfa first cutting continued to be about a week ahead of average and was 95 percent complete. This is well ahead of last year's 81 and average of 86. Second cutting alfalfa was

9 percent complete compared to 5 percent last year and 3 percent average. Alfalfa conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 20 poor, 39 fair, 32 good, and 3 excellent. This rating is below last year.

Oat conditions rated 9 percent very poor, 22 poor, 40 fair, and 29 good, which is well below last year. Oats headed was at 85 percent. This is ahead of last year's 77 and average of 73.

Sorghum was 81 percent emerged. This is even with last year, but behind the average of 84. Sorghum conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 36 fair, 49 good, and 5 excellent, which is below last year.

Dry bean planting was near 100 percent complete. This is nearly two weeks ahead of last year's 83 and average of 88. Dry beans emerged was at 77 percent, well ahead of 37 last year and 50 average.

Proso millet planted was 46 percent complete. This is ahead of last year's 32 but behind 51 average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 18, 2006

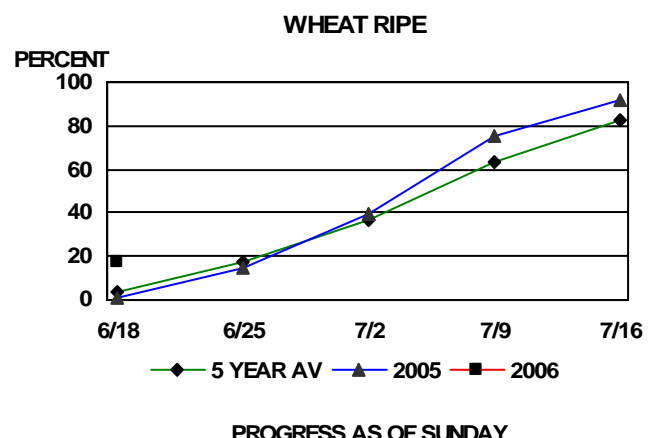
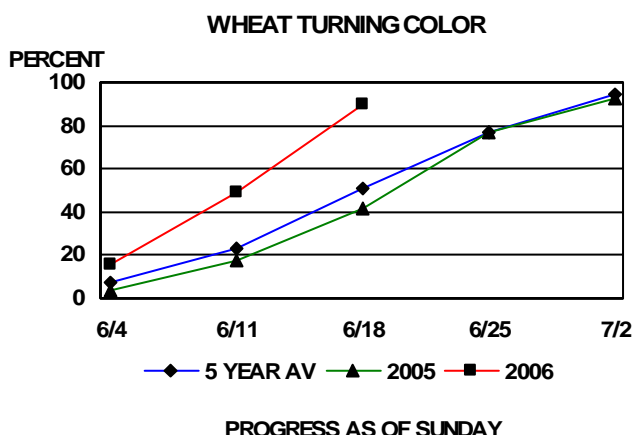
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	95	90	81	86
Alfalfa 2 nd Cutting	9	0	5	3
Dry Beans Emerged	77	35	37	50
Oats Headed	85	67	77	73
Proso Millet Planted	46	39	32	51
Sorghum Emerged	81	72	81	84
Wheat Turning Color	90	49	52	51
Wheat Ripe	17	0	1	4

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 18, 2006

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Alfalfa	6	20	39	32	3
Corn	2	4	27	57	10
Oats	9	22	40	29	0
Sorghum	2	8	36	49	5
Soybeans	2	4	29	56	9
Wheat	26	28	29	16	1

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions showed some improvement and rated 14 percent very poor, 23 poor, 36 fair, 26 good, and 1 excellent.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm.



Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.54	1.50	1.70	1.93	1.07	1.81	2.60	.63
Total since April 1	3.39	5.93	6.81	5.08	7.39	4.69	6.36	8.76
Normal since April 1	6.54	7.57	8.96	8.45	9.40	7.34	8.18	9.42
Total as % of normal	52%	78%	76%	59%	78%	63%	77%	92%

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	101	51	73	+6	148	838	693
	Scottsbluff	101	50	74	+7	152	909	691
	Sidney	105	53	73	+5	144	853	718
NC	Ainsworth	96	54	72	+1	142	881	802
	Arthur	98	55	72	+2	144	878	778
	O'Neill	94	49	71	0	138	873	817
NE	Concord	91	48	71	-1	145	908	850
	Elgin	92	50	72	+1	149	900	837
	West Point	91	49	72	-1	150	947	893
C	Grand Island	95	53	72	+1	146	991	825
	Lexington	100	54	73	+3	146	1016	807
	Ord	96	52	72	+1	144	945	817
EC	Central City	92	49	72	0	147	987	842
	Lincoln	94	51	75	+1	162	1030	921
	Mead	94	49	74	0	156	1005	918
SW	Champion	108	53	74	+5	150	978	784
	Dickens	102	55	74	+3	149	991	794
	McCook	99	53	74	+4	151	995	800
SC	Minden	98	54	72	+2	144	1010	814
	Red Cloud	96	55	74	+3	156	1012	835
	Smithfield	97	56	72	+2	143	1001	809
SE	Beatrice	93	52	73	0	155	1006	921
	Clay Center	94	51	72	+1	145	973	834
	Nemaha	93	54	74	0	160	1061	937

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office